

Appl. No. 10/792,198
Docket No.: H1799-00208
Reply to Office Action of September 22, 2005

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

As a result of this Amendment, claims 2-13 and 15-19 are under active consideration in the subject patent application.

In the Official Action, the Examiner has:

(1) rejected claims 1-5, 8, 9, 12, 14-17 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. 5,036,905, issued to Eninger et al. ("Eninger");

(2) objected to claims 6, 7, 10, 11, 13, and 18 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, and indicating that claims 6, 7, 10, 11, 13, and 18 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims; and

(3) identified prior art made of record and not relied upon but considered pertinent to Applicant's disclosure.

With regard to Items 1 and 2, Applicant has amended claims 2-13 and 15-19 and cancelled claims 1 and 14. More particularly, claims 6, 7, 10, 11, and 13 have been amended to include the subject matter defined by now cancelled independent claim 1. As acknowledged by the Examiner, claims 6, 7, 10, 11, and 13 were allowable as filed, but required presentation in independent form for issuance of a patent grant and not for reasons of patentability. Amended independent claims 6, 7, 10, 11, and 13 are allowable for all of the reasons set forth by the Examiner in the Official Action. Dependent claims 2-5, 9 and 12 are

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now dependent directly from allowable claim 6, and are allowable at least through dependency.

Claim 18 has been amended to include the subject matter defined by now cancelled independent claim 14. As acknowledged by the Examiner, claim 18 was allowable as filed, but required presentation in independent form for issuance of a patent grant and not for reasons of patentability. Amended independent claim 18 is allowable for all of the reasons set forth by the Examiner in the Official Action. Dependent claims 15 – 17 and 19 are now dependent directly from allowable claim 18, and are allowable at least through dependency.

Please charge the fees for three (3) additional independent claims, namely, \$600.00, or any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 04-1679.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the Examiner's rejections are requested.

With regard to Item 3, Applicant has considered the prior art references identified by the Examiner as pertinent and determined that none of them, taken alone, or in any valid combination with the Eninger reference anticipates or renders obvious the present invention.

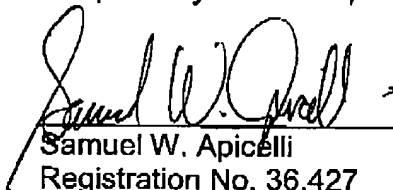
Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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If a telephone conference would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the above-identified application, Applicant's undersigned Attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at 215-979-1255.

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